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modified in accordance with a revision made to the standard, such as IEEE1212r, or other format.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4, 5, 11, and 15 with the following amended claims:

1 4. (As Amended) IEEE1394 equipment which works together with an
2 identification number managing apparatus in accordance with any one of Claims 1
3 or 2, characterized in comprising means of processing said identification number
4 as said identifier which can be included in said configuration ROM.

1 5. (As Amended) An identification number managing system,
2 characterized in comprising:

3 the identification number managing apparatus in accordance with any one
4 of Claims 1 or 2; and

5 IEEE1394 equipment.

1 11. (As Amended) A program which makes a computer function as all or a
2 part of memory means of saving an identification number which is processed as a
3 common identifier in a plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment which can operate
4 independently of each other in an identification number managing apparatus in
5 accordance with any one of Claims 1 or 2 all or a part of communications means of
6 forwarding said identification number to said plurality pieces of IEEE equipment,
7 and all or a part of means of processing said identification number as said
8 identifier which can be included in said configuration ROM in IEEE1394
9 equipment in an identification number managing system.

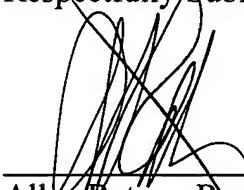
1 15. (As Amended) A medium which can be processed by a computer and
2 holds a program which makes a computer function as all or a part of memory
3 means, which saves an identification number which is processed as a common
4 identifier in a plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment which can operate
5 independently of each other in an identification number managing apparatus in
6 accordance with any one of Claims 1 or 2 in an identification number managing

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7 system all or a part of communications means which forwards said identification
8 number to said plurality pieces of IEEE equipment, and all or a part of means of
9 processing said identification number as said identifier which can be included in
10 said configuration ROM in IEEE1394 equipment.

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